judgment passed by Railway Claims Tribunal, Delhi, *inter-alia* mad the following observation regarding issuance of tickets in excess of carrying capacity of train:—

"Railway Authorities have no business to issue tickets in excess of the carrying capacity of a train. Each and every person to whom a ticket is issued would be entitled to believe that the Railway authorities has assured him or her of a safe journey by having a berth inside a bogey of the train."

This was by way of countering the argument of the learned counsel appearing on behalf of Northern Railway in respect of overcrowding of train.

Renewal of bookstall contracts

146. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of bookstalls allotted at various stations of Indian Railways to unemployed graduates category were not being renewed; and

(b) if so, what are the detailed reasons for not renewing their bookstall contracts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As the Bookshall Policy, 2004 is subjudice before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, status-quo is being maintained in regard to renewal of all the existing Bookstall Licenses including bookstalls maintained by unemployed graduates.

Railway Projects in Tamil Nadu

147. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the various Projects in progress and the Projects approved but yet to take off and the Projects under consideration in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether it is a fact that several Projects conceived and considered long back, is yet to see the light of the day; and

(c) whether such schemes would be given priority?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Following railway projects failling fully/party in the State of Tamil Nadu are in progress:—

New Line

1. Karur-Salem (85 Kms)
2. Bangalore-Satyamangalam (260 kms)
3. Tindivanam-Gingee-Tiruvannamalai (70 kms)
4. Tindivanam-Nagari (179.20 kms)
5. Attipattu-Puttur (88.33 kms)
6. Erode-Palani (91.05 kms)
7. Chennai-Cuddalore *via* Mahabalipuram (179.28 kms)